

Selectmen's Work Session Monday, May 3, 2021

The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Martha Eldridge, Susan Simpson and Jonathan Smith. Matt Sawyer Jr., Town Administrator was also present, and recorded the minutes.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM

Discussion:

Present from Ossipee Concerned Citizens were Misty Ryder, Roland Millette and Donna Sargent. There was a review of the lease from 1991 set to expire in the summer of 2021. There was a discussion about revisions to be made in the upcoming agreement between Ossipee and OCC for the rent of the building they occupy.

Chairman Smith informed the OCC Board of RSA 41:11-a which only allows the BOS to lease Town-owned property for up to a year, unless a vote at a prior Town Meeting had authorized them to lease properties for up to five years.

Kellie Skehan was researching the issue and confirmed to TA Sawyer that no such question has appeared on the Warrant in Ossipee.

As the group continued to discuss the next iteration of the lease agreement, Donna Sargent produced a lease document from her folder which was a 2007 lease agreement between the Town and OCC, for their facility. The group was unaware of any such lease, but the Selectmen's Office Secretary was able to find the Town's copy of the same lease in the vault, confirming it to be in legitimate and in place currently. The group then agreed to table the matter until the 2007 lease expires in 2027.

At 3:30 PM the OCC Board left and the BOS along with TA Sawyer, and Code Enforcement Officer Rick Cousins reviewed a proposed updated fee schedule for building permit fees. The Board instructed Sawyer to schedule a Public Hearing on May 24th after the BOS meeting to take the next steps with the updated fee schedule.

The Selectmen reviewed the documents in the red folder. Smith asked Public Works Director TJ Eldridge why the Transfer Station pays to ship out brush and yard waste, and asked if we could just pile it up and push it back to utilize more of the Transfer Station property. Eldridge replied that due to the wetlands on the property, nothing more can be utilized.

There was a conversation regarding the Library and trying to determine when facilities related expenses at the Library get paid for out of the Library budget vs the Government Building budget. It was decided by all parties that if the Library (via the Department Head or Trustees) hire an outside vendor, they will be responsible for the cost. However, if they bring the requests to TJ first and give the Town a chance to remedy issues as cost effectively as possible, then Government Buildings will typically pay for all necessary remedies to maintain the facility. Optional and aesthetic expenses seen as unnecessary or frivolous will not be paid for by the Government Buildings budget.

Being no further input, the work session recessed until 4:15 PM in the gym.

Jonathan H. Smith, Chairman

Susan J. Simpson, Selectman

Martha B. Eldridge, Selectman